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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following information is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98 in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This submission is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed. In accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97(g)-(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that other material information as defined by 37 CFR §1.56(a) exists.

Applicants submit herewith Form PTO-1449 listing the references known to them. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner (1) initial each reference listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the Examiner has considered and made those references of record in this application and (2) return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants. Copies of the references are also enclosed.

Applicants would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention related pending applications USSN 09/680,756, McBride, et al., filed October 6, 2000 and USSN 09/684,218, McBride, et al, filed October 6, 2000. Copies of the above-listed pending application

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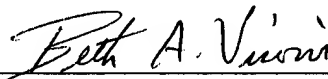
specifications, including the claims and drawings, are enclosed. Also enclosed are the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's office actions for USSN 09/680,756.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the first Office Action on the merits, but before the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount necessary to cover the cost of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is provided in the Transmittal Letter, submitted herewith.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Place of Publication)

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	C2	USSN: 09/684,218, G. Grady McBride; filing date 10/06/2000

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